

**TEST – 12 (Textbook)**  
**( INSTA Prelims Test Series 2021 )**

**50. Consider the following statements.**

1. Eknath wrote poetic narratives and devotional abhangas.
2. Narsi Mehta and Premananda were Shaiva poets
3. Lal Ded was a Kashmiri Muslim poetess
4. Vidyapati composed poems primarily in Marathi.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 and 3 only                      B. 2 and 4 only                      C. 1, 2 and 3 only                      D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

**51. 'Gond' tribal community can be found in which of these states?**

1. Andhra Pradesh                      2. Maharashtra                      3. Odisha                      4. Madhya Pradesh

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 and 2 only                      B. 2 only                      C. 1, 3 and 4 only                      D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

**52. In the context of Medieval India, the term Ziyarat is associated with**

- A. Taxation                      B. Pilgrimage                      C. Nomadic communities                      D. Shell trade

**53. Minerals on earth can come from**

1. Magma                      2. Fossils                      3. Meteorites

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 only                      B. 1 and 2 only                      C. 1, 2 and 3                      D. 2 and 3 only

**54. The education conference held at Wardha in October 1937 passed a resolution which included which of these provisions?**

1. Free and compulsory education until higher education for all children
2. Mother tongue should be the medium of instruction.
3. Manual productive work should form the basis of education of child.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 and 2 only                      B. 2 only                      C. 2 and 3 only                      D. 1 and 3 only

**55. The primary goals and functions of the Central & State Pollution Control Boards (PCBs) are stated in the**

- A. Environment (Protection) Act, 1986                      B. Air Pollution (Prevention) Act, 1981  
C. Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974                      D. None of the above

**56. Which of the following is usually measured in Dobson units?**

- A. Pollution from particulate matter                      B. Thickness of Ozone layer  
C. Density of sensitive species in the polar regions                      D. Integration of keystone species in native ecosystems

**57. The purpose of the formation of the biosphere reserve is to conserve**

- A. in situ all forms of life                      B. only sensitive and endangered species in the reserve  
C. culture and history of the local region                      D. a degrading landscape

**58. The National Statistical Office (NSO), which is a wing of Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, has conducted the first Time Use Survey (TUS) in India during January to December 2019. Consider the following about it and its results.**

1. The primary objective of the survey is to measure participation of men and women in paid and unpaid activities.
2. There is an inverse relationship between age and the amount of time spent by women on household chores.
3. In rural areas, the proportion of women engaged in employment and related activities was lower compared to that in cities.

Select the correct answer using the codes below.

- A. 1 only                      B. 1 and 2 only                      C. 2 and 3 only                      D. 1, 2 and 3

**59. More than three-fourth of the area under beels, oxbow, lakes and derelict water in India lies in the states of**

- A. Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and Assam                      B. Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu  
C. Gujarat, Rajasthan and Punjab                      D. Bihar, West Bengal and Sikkim

**60. Why is biological control of pests and plant diseases helpful and important?**

1. Chemical methods of pest control indiscriminately kill both useful and harmful pests and insects.
2. Greater biodiversity at the farm increases the chances of plant survival and further plant growth.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only                      B. 2 only                      C. Both 1 and 2                      D. None